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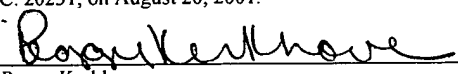
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Applicant:	HONJO et al.	Examiner:	Unknown
Serial No.:	09/909437	Group Art Unit:	Unknown
Filed:	July 19, 2001	Docket No.:	8373.250US01
Title:	APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR BEND-SHAPING A GLASS SHEET		

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. §1.97(b))

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

Applicant hereby brings to the examiner's attention that US 3,332,759 and US 3,332,760 are English equivalents to Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 43-11768, US 5,522,912 is an English equivalent to Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 6-191867 and US 6,014,873 is an English equivalent to Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 5-9037, which were informally cited in the specification of the above-referenced application.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	3,332,759	July, 1967	McMaster et al			
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	5,522,912	June, 1996	Kobayashi et al.			
	6,014,873	January, 2000	Hirotsu et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
	43-11768	May, 1943	Japan				
	5-9037	January, 1993	Japan				
	6-191867	July, 1994	Japan				

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)



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